

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 10-12, 14, 16, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,000,623 to Blatti et al. (hereinafter "Blatti"). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blatti in view of United States Patent Number 5,963,528 to Fujimura (hereinafter "Fujimura"). Claims 4, 5, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blatti in view of United States Patent Number 5,646,823 to Amori (hereinafter "Amori"). Claims 8, 9, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blatti.

For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in substantially the same order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action. Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references.

Claims 1, 14, 16, and 20 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the claimed invention. The amendments are fully supported by the specification.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 10-12, 14, 16, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blatti. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection along with the rejections of claims 4, 5, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blatti in view of Amori

and claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blatti as claims 1, 14, and 20 are amended with the limitations of claims 4, 5, and 15, and claims 1, 14, 16, and 20 are amended with the limitations of claim 8.

With regards to claims 1, 14, 16, and 20, the claims as amended include the limitation that the enclosure is "...configured for positive air pressure..." Claim 1 as amended. See also claims 14, 16, and 20. The amendment is fully supported by the specification. See paragraph 32, Fig. 1, ref. 110. See also the original claim 8. In contrast, Blatti discloses an orifice cover or spring loaded door 37a that prevents air from entering an enclosure with negative pressure. Blatti, col. 3, lines 14-18 and lines 24-30, Fig. 1, ref. 16A, 27, Fig. 3, ref. 37a. Applicant further asserts that there is no suggestion or motivation to combine the spring loaded door of Blatti with the elements of positive air pressure enclosures. Therefore, because Blatti does not disclose each element of claims 1, 14, 16, and 20 and there is no suggestion or motivation to combine a positive pressure enclosure with Blatti, Applicant submits that claims 1, 14, 16, and 20 are allowable.

In addition, claims 1, 14, 16, and 20 include the further limitation of a "seal." Claims 1, 14, and 20 as amended, and claim 16. The amendment is fully supported by the original claims 4 and 5. The seal is configured to "...block airflow between the enclosure and the orifice cover while *in the closed position and allowing the orifice cover to pivot to the open position ...*" Claim 1. Emphasis added. See also claims 14, 16, and 20. The seal aids in preventing negative pressure induced airflow into the enclosure from biasing the orifice cover open, in contrast to the spring loaded door of Blatti that is biased closed by the positive pressure of the enclosure.

Blatti does not teach a seal. Amori discloses a gasket sealing means or seal. Amori, col. 3, 23-24, Figs. 1 and 2, ref. 11. Yet Amori does not teach that the gasket sealing means allows a cover to pivot to an open position. Instead, Amori discloses that the gasket sealing means is held in place with a knob handle means or security lock means. Amori, col. 3, lines 34-35. Figs. 1 and 2, refs. 12 and 13. Thus Amori teaches away from a seal that allows the cover to pivot to the open position. Therefore, Applicant submits that Blatti and Amori do not teach the seal that allows the cover to pivot to an open position of claims 1, 14, 16, and 20, and that claims 1, 14, 16, and 20 are allowable.

With regards to claim 20, the claim as amended includes the limitation that the cover actuator is "...comprising a motor..." Claim 20 as amended. The amendment is well supported by the specification. Paragraph 27. Neither Blatti nor Amori disclose a motor to close a cover. Fujimura teaches away from using a motor to close a cover as Fujimura is directed in part to avoiding using a motor to move a tray. Fujimura, col. 1, 19-23. Therefore, Applicant asserts that claim 20 is allowable as Blatti, Amori, and Fujimura do not teach the limitation of a cover actuator that is a motor.

With regards to dependent claims 2, 7, and 10-12, Applicant asserts that the claims are allowable as depending from allowable claim 1.

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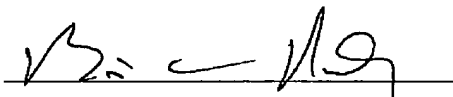
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unpatentable over Blatti. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 4, 5, 8, 9, and 15 are canceled. Applicant asserts that claims 3, 17, and 18 are allowable as depending from allowable claims 1 and 16 respectively. Applicant further submits that claims 6, 13, and 19 are allowable as depending from allowable claim 1 and 18 respectively.

As a result of the presented remarks, Applicant asserts that claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-14, and 16-20 are in condition for prompt allowance. Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the dependent claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicant of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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